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TO AMCONSUL LENINGRAD

AMEMBASSY MOSCOW

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PFOR, SCUL, UR, US (GAN, VITALIY VLADIMIROVICH)

SUBJECT: ARREST OF SOVIET CORRESPONDENT

REF: STATE 43580

1. GAN'S COURT APPEARANCE IS SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 14 AT ROCKINGHAM COUNTY COURTHOUSE, HARRISONBURG, VIRGINIA.

2. APPARENTLY GAN HAD NOT RESPONDED TO DECEMBER SPEEDING TICKET BECAUSE HE HAD GIVEN IT TO SOVIET EMBASSY CONSULAR SECTION AND ASSUMED EMBASSY HAD DISPOSED OF MATTER. CONSULAR SECTION HAD SENT TICKET TO DEPARTMENT OF STATE PROTOCOL WHICH RETURNED IT TO EMBASSY SINCE GAN DOES NOT ENJOY DIPLOMATIC IMMUNITY.

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3. A SOVIET EMBASSY CONSUL HAS EXHIBITED CONSIDERABLE ANGER ABOUT GAN'S TREATMENT -- ESPECIALLY THE BODY SEARCH AND HANDCUFFING -- AND ASSERTED THAT AMERICAN POLICE COULD NOT HAVE ARRESTED GAN WITHOUT FIRST CONSULTING AND OBTAINING THE PERMISSION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE.

4. IF SOVIETS RAISE CASE, YOU MAY WISH TO SAY THAT
A) DEPARTMENT WAS NOT CONSULTED OR INFORMED IN ADVANCE OF
ARREST; B) ARREST WAS NORMAL PROCEDURE IN CASE OF
INDIVIDUAL WHO DOES NOT RESPOND TO TRAFFIC TICKET; C) HAND-
CUFFING PRISONERS WHILE TRANSPORTING THEM AND SEARCHING
THEM FOR CONCEALED WEAPONS AND DRUGS IS NORMAL POLICE
PROCEDURE.

5. WE HAVE CITED SWEILIS PROBLEMS IN LENINGRAD AND
WALLACE DETENTION DURING HOTEL ROSSIYA FIRE AS EVIDENCE
THAT OUR CORRESPONDENTS HAVE PROBLEMS TOO.
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